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5 Appearing Pro Se

6 UNITED STATE BANKRUPTCY COURT

7 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

8 In re:

9 Case No. BK-S-06-10725-lbr

10 USA Commercial Mortgage
11 Company - Debtor.

12 Chapter 11

13 1st SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO FIRST
14 OMNIBUS OBJECTION OF USACM TRUST TO
15 PROOFS OF CLAIM BASED ENTIRELY UPON
16 INVESTMENT IN ANCHOR B LOAN (DE
17 8397).

18 Hearing Date: July 26, 2011

19 Hearing Time: 1:30 PM

20 Arthur I. Kriss, Claimant, hereby files this 1st Supplemental Response to the USACM
21 Liquidating Trust Omnibus Objection to Proof of Claim 1875-1, filed 01/10/07 (lbr).

22 **Background:**

23 The Court Ordered (DE 8479) continuation of the Claim to July 26, 2011 at 1:30 PM.

24 There was a meeting between the Trustee and Mr. Kriss on June 23rd, 2011 to seek
25 resolution/settlement of the claim; wherein the Trustee offered \$17,500.00 for total
payment with an immediate interim distribution of 4.92% (\$861.00). The Trustees
settlement offer was rejected by correspondence (Exhibit 1) with a counter offer of
\$6,000.00 [five cents on the dollar] as an immediate and final distribution, and
renouncement of all future claims. The counter offer was rejected by the Trustee
(Exhibit 2), along with a counter-counter offer of \$22,500.00 with an immediate
distribution of (\$1,107.00), which was allowed to expire.

Facts:

1. This Claim is primarily about Breach of Contract, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, and

Fraud:

a. A **Contract** (Loan Servicing Agreement) (Exhibit 3) is a legally enforceable Agreement between two or more parties with mutual obligations. The remedy at law for breach of contract and Fiduciary Duty is "**damages**" or monetary compensation.

b. The Contract (LSA) specifies certain explicit duties (services) that USA will perform. Re: C. 2. (c) "Until the total amount due under each note is paid in full:

(i) Proceed **diligently** to collect all payments due under the terms of the note.... **"diligently"**: *Persevering, the attention and care legally expected or required characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic application and effort.*

(ii) In the event the Borrower fails to make any payment to USA as required, **USA will take steps to collect payment.....to fully protect the interests of the Lender**, and of all Lenders in the loan.

USA / USACM / Mr. Allison (appointed by the Court on April 17, 2006) had an absolute responsibility to pursue all legal options to protect the Lender interests in the note and failed to do so.

The failure of USA / USACM/ Allison (MIFM) to act on this matter actually extended from before the bankruptcy (pre-petition) occurred to February 16, 2007, the closing date of the sale to Compass; and I would contend Mr. Allison may be somewhat complicit as he audited the accounts prior to the bankruptcy.

This failure to act can only be attributed to deliberate negligence on the part of management of USA. The Contract / LSA clearly define's the scope of

1 responsibility and gives full authority to the Servicer to take any and all necessary
2 actions to protect the Lenders interest.

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4 The LSA in Paragraph C. 4, Legal Proceedings, provides for and guarantees
5 payment / repayment of funds expended by USA in pursuit of actions to protect
6 the Lender interests. Therefore, the matter of expenses for USA to perform was
7 not an issue.

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9 "Allison shall have complete and exclusive charge of the management and
10 operation of the business (Court Order appointing Allison)"

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12 Therefore, there is no excuse for the failure of USA / USACM / Allison (MIFM) to
13 conform to the provisions of the Contract / LSA.

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15 **Violations of Nevada Revised Statutes:**

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17 a. NRS-645B.175: Regulations concerning Trust accounts as a depository of
18 funds belonging to others: USA apparently kept multiple sets of
books/accounts and issued fraudulent payments.

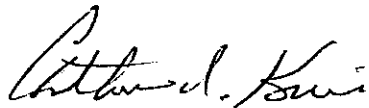
19 b. NRS-645B.250: Prohibition on advancing payments to investor on behalf of
20 debtor in default; i.e. advance interest payments.

21 **Summary:**

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23 1. USA / USACM, pre bankruptcy, fraudulently diverted funds from other
24 funds/resources to hide/cover the pre bankruptcy default of the Anchor B Loan.
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2. This fraudulent diversion of funds was the first step of many steps taken (not taken) by USA / USACM / Allison (MIFM) that ultimately led to the loss of my investment.
3. Pre-petition and post petition actions by USA / USACM / Allison / MIFM to simply ignore the contractual requirements of the LSA to protect the interests of the Lenders through foreclosure, or pursuit of the personal guaranty for more than one year became the predicate to the loss of my investment.
4. Even though Compass became the Servicer of record with the closing of the sale of USA's contract rights relative to the LSA's, the damage had been done. The Borrower walked away from the loan and ultimately the property (collateral) was lost at a foreclosure sale.
5. I have not collected a penny from this investment since March 2006.
6. This loss of this \$120,000.00 investment has caused me substantial pain and suffering as well as the financial loss of my retirement funds.
7. I believe a settlement in the form of money from the USA / USACM Estate is appropriate in the amount of \$6000.00. This amounts to five cents on the invested dollar, without consideration of the loss of interest and loss of income for more than 5 years.
8. I do not wish to contend further on this matter. It does not make sense to engage an attorney to pursue this further with so little chance for success in recovery. I therefore respectfully plead with the Court to award me the sum of \$6000.00 from the bankruptcy estate of USACM in settlement of my claim.
9. I apologize to the Court for missing the previously scheduled hearing where I had hoped to appear telephonically but was unable to do so due to mixed communications.

Submitted by:



Arthur I. Kriss, Pro se

Copies to: Lewis & Roca, LLP, Attention: John Hinderaker & Robert Charles, Jr
3993 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89169

EXHIBIT 1

Arthur I. Kriss

435-635-5466

**2398 West 1050 North
Hurricane, UT 84737**

Lewis and Roca, Attn: Robert Charles, Jr.

Re: USACM Bankruptcy - Anchor B loan

Dear Robert:

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and Geoffrey yesterday. Our discussions while wide-ranging were both informative and educational to me.

I am currently going through the process of filtering what I learned yesterday in consideration of the offer to settle. Some thoughts:

1. I understand that each of the loans and each individual in the loans may have a different story. So, I am convinced that my story/claim should be given fair consideration.
2. I also understand that an offer to settle from Geoffrey is predicated on several factors, a primary one being what it will cost the Estate to contest a Claim in Court. I do not wish to contest this matter in court either. Neither of us will win in that situation, though in my case, it will be my money I am spending, and the Trustee will be spending my and other's money as well.
3. I believe I understand correctly that my objection to your (Trustee) claim that I took a known and obvious risk, and that USACM did not guarantee the loan is insufficient grounds for denial.
4. I believe my assertions relating to breach of contract and fraud is valid and sustainable in Court, I accept your premise that to prove damages will be difficult. I also accept that potentially, there is more money involved in discovery alone than I would ever recover with a favorable ruling.

So, to the crux of the matter:

- a. I reject the offer to settle for \$17,500.00. I do this because I believe it is a low-ball offer, and I have seen what I believe is evidence that the offer is unfair, and inconsistent with settlements made with others in similar circumstances.
- b. I distinctly remember an earlier telephone conversation with Mr. Hinderaker, wherein he indicated I would probably be offered a nickel on

the dollar, or \$6000.00. At the time, I was somewhat insulted that such an offer would even be made, and chose to meet with you and Geoffrey to gain a better understanding of the process.

- c. Through our discussions, I learned the offer would only pay me \$861.00 immediately, with no guarantee of any future recovery. I am not sure I would have made the trip had it seemed so to me at the time. The trip alone cost me nearly \$200.00 out of pocket.

Counter Offer. I am prepared to settle for six-thousand dollars (\$6000.00) cash now (or near future) basis, and forever release the remainder of my claim.

Sincerely,

Arthur I. Kriss

EXHIBIT 2

Webmail

akrissr@q.com

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RE: USACM / Anchor B

From : Robert Charles <RCharles@lrlaw.com>
Subject : RE: USACM / Anchor B
To : akrissr@q.com
Cc : Geoff Berman <gberman@dsi.biz>, John Hinderaker <JHinderaker@lrlaw.com>

Mon, Jun 27, 2011 06:59 PM

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Mr. Kriss,

I understand your offer. The Trust rejects that offer. All the best.

Rob

From: akrissr@q.com [mailto:akrissr@q.com]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Charles, Robert
Cc: Geoff Berman; Hinderaker, John
Subject: RE: USACM / Anchor B

Gentlemen:

My offer is not predicated on any previous discussions. The intent is to get done with the matter as quickly and painlessly as possible for both of us.

I am not asking for you to validate my claim. I am simply asking that you pay me \$6000.00 now in a settlement, and I am agreeing that the \$6000.00 payment will eradicate any further claims against Anchor B.

How you handle the paperwork is of no interest to me!

Arthur Kriss

----- Original Message -----

From: Robert Charles <RCharles@lrlaw.com>
To: akrissr@q.com
Cc: Geoff Berman <gberman@dsi.biz>, John Hinderaker <JHinderaker@lrlaw.com>
Sent: Mon, 27 Jun 2011 13:07:18 -0400 (EDT)
Subject: RE: USACM / Anchor B

Mr. Kriss,

I've received and understand your offer and I have

discussed it with Geoffrey Berman. I am not going to go through your

letter point by point, but please understand that does not mean we agree with your analysis.

You are essentially asking the USACM Liquidating Trust

EXHIBIT 3

CLIN 1875-1

Client ID 148
Account ID 4148

LOAN SERVICING AGREEMENT

This Loan Servicing Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of the 3 day of April, 2003, between USA Commercial Mortgage Company ("USA") and First Savings Bank c/o Arthur E. Kriss, LPA ("Lender").

RECITALS

- A. USA is a mortgage broker and loan servicer in Clark County, Nevada.
- B. Lender lends, or wishes to lend, money to various borrowers (the term "Borrower" includes single and married persons, corporations, trusts, partnerships and all other legal entities) from time to time, which loans are arranged by USA and are secured by interests in real and/or personal property.
- C. Lender wishes to retain the services of USA in connection with making and servicing a loan or loans (Loan" or "Loans" as the context requires), including all Loans heretofore or hereafter placed by Lender through USA, all upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Services in Connection with Arranging the Loans. USA will perform the following services in connection with arranging each Loan:

- (a) Obtain a promissory note or notes secured by the trust deed referred to in Section 1(b) below, executed by Borrower in a form customarily used by USA and approved by USA's counsel.
- (b) Obtain a deed of trust, assignment of rents and security agreement executed by Borrower in form customarily used by USA and approved by USA's counsel, and cause the same to be properly recorded.
- (c) Obtain one or more personal or corporate guaranties, if applicable and as determined by USA to be necessary, executed by such guarantors, as USA shall deem appropriate, in form customarily used by USA.
- (d) If USA deems it appropriate or necessary, obtain, at Borrower's expense, an appraisal of the property to be encumbered, prepared and executed by an appraiser reasonably satisfactory to USA.

(e) Obtain from a reputable title insurance company, at Borrower's expense, a fully-paid ALTA lender's policy of title insurance, showing Lender as an insured, in an amount at least equal to the initial principal amount of the note and showing as exceptions only those items approved by USA and its counsel.

(f) Cause the Borrower to obtain, where applicable, casualty insurance policies in amounts

at least equal to the principal amount of the note or the full insurable value of the improvements on the encumbered real property, whichever is less, containing a mortgage or loss payee clause naming Lender, or USA (as agent for Lender), as an additional insured or loss payee.

(g) Obtain from the Borrower and each guarantor such recent financial statements and information as USA shall deem appropriate.

(h) Obtain, with respect to any and all encumbrances of record to which Lender's deed of trust will be subject, documentation verifying the principal balance thereof within a reasonable time prior to the making of the Loan and specifying any then existing defaults thereunder.

(i) Obtain such other documents in connection with the Loan, as USA may deem appropriate in order to protect the Lender's interest.

(j) All documents which USA obtains from borrower in connection with arranging or servicing any Loan, so long as such Loan is outstanding, shall be kept on file in USA's corporate office and be available to Lender upon request. Notwithstanding the foregoing, USA shall have no obligation or responsibility to obtain any original documents in connection with any Loan serviced by USA, but not arranged or originated by USA.

(k) Prepare and deliver to escrow closing instructions to effectuate the Loan closing in accordance with the Loan Agreement and the Fee Agreement.

2. Services of USA in Connection with Servicing the Loans. Subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, and all applicable laws, Lender instructs and authorizes USA to, and USA will perform the following services in connection with servicing each of the Loans:

(a) Verify, where applicable, that the property encumbered by Lender's deed of trust is insured (at the Borrower's expense) by a sufficient casualty insurance policy and that Borrower has sufficient liability insurance coverage. USA will hold for the Lender's account such policies and renewals thereof.

(b) Keep appropriate accounting records on each note and the sums collected thereon, which records will reflect the amounts collected as to principal, interest and late charges, and, if applicable, insurance, taxes and other specified amounts. Those records will be available for review by the Lender during regular business hours at USA's corporate office.

(c) Until the total amount due under each note is paid in full:

- (i) Proceed diligently to collect all payments due under the terms of the note and promptly pay the proper parties, when and if due, principal, interest, late charges, insurance and other specified funds.
- (ii) In the event the Borrower fails to make any payment to USA as required by the terms of the note, USA will take steps to collect the payment including but not limited to delivering default notices, commencing and pursuing foreclosure procedures, and obtaining representation for Lender in litigation and bankruptcy proceedings as deemed necessary or appropriate by USA in its business judgment to fully protect the interests of the Lender, and of all Lenders in the loan.
- (iii) In its sole discretion, USA may pay off any Lender at any time by paying the then outstanding balance of Lender's interest in the principal of the Loan, plus all accrued interest and any prepayment penalty or fee, if applicable. Any Lender so paid off shall concurrently execute and deliver therewith to USA an assignment, in a form acceptable to USA, of all of such Lender's right, title, and interest in the Loan (including all documents evidencing the Loan) and in the deed of trust securing the Loan.
- (iv) In its sole discretion, USA may waive late payment charges, assumption fees, charges for returned checks due to insufficient funds, or other fees which may be collected in the ordinary course of servicing the Loans.

(d) Provide the Lender with regular statements regarding loan collections, but in no event less frequently than quarterly.

(e) Without limiting the generality of anything contained herein, Lender hereby authorizes and empowers USA, on Lender's behalf, to: (1) execute and

deliver demands for payoff and beneficiary's / lender's statements of condition and the like; (2) execute and deliver any and all instruments if satisfaction or cancellation, or of partial or full release, discharge, or reconveyance, or authorizations in connection therewith, with respect to any Loans paid in full and with respect to the related real or personal property securing such Loans; (3) execute and deliver any and all other documents with respect to any Loans that are customary and consistent with loan servicing practices pertaining to such loans; (4) consent to modifications of the Loans if the effect of any such modification will not materially or adversely affect the security provided by the real or personal property in connection therewith; (5) institute foreclosure proceedings (judicial or non-judicial), obtain a deed-in-lieu thereof, engage in settlement discussions, and enter into forbearance and other settlement-related agreements (which agreements may contain provisions that release or waive claims against a Borrower or Guarantor); and (6) take title in the name of Lender (in proportion to its interest in the Loan) to any real property upon a foreclosure or delivery of a deed-in-lieu thereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision contained herein, USA may not permit any modification to any Loan that would change the interest rate, forgive the payment of any principal or interest (expressly excluding late charges or the difference between default and non-default interest), change the outstanding principal amount, or extend the maturity date, without Lender's prior consent; provided, however, if Lender fails to grant or deny its consent within three (3) business days after notice from USA, Lender shall be deemed to have conclusively given its consent.

3. Rights of Lender if USA Fails to Act. Pursuant to NAC 645B.073, in the event of default, foreclosure, or other matters that require action, if for any reason USA fails to act on Lender's behalf as authorized herein, then Lender may, with approval of fifty-one percent (51%) or more of all of the holders of the beneficial interest of record in the Loan, act on behalf of all such holders of beneficial interest of record. These actions may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) the designation of the mortgage broker, servicing agent or other person to act on behalf of the holders of the beneficial interests in the loan; and
- (b) the sale, encumbrance or lease of real property owned by the holders resulting from a foreclosure or the receipt of a deed in lieu of a foreclosure.

4. Legal Proceedings. USA will assist the Lender in any necessary foreclosure proceedings to protect the Lender's interest in the note and deed of trust. Where necessary, in USA's business judgment, USA may retain attorneys on Lender's behalf. Any legal proceeding instituted by USA pursuant to this Agreement may be pursued in USA's name only or as agent for Lender. Upon demand by USA, Lender agrees to promptly pay, either in advance or to reimburse USA, for its pro-rata portion of the out-of-pocket expenses incurred, including attorney's fees, trustee's fees and foreclosure costs. In the event that Lender fails to pay such sums to USA upon demand or request thereof, or if USA elects to advance such sums, USA may, in its discretion, advance such fees, including trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and costs of foreclosure;

provided, however, that any fees advanced by USA shall be paid back from the proceeds of the foreclosure (whether by reinstatement or sale), or from any other monies collected with respect to such Loan, before any payments are made to Lender. In the event of any litigation concerning the Loan, Lender hereby appoints USA as its agent to accept service of any summons and complaint, naming Lender as a party.

5. Compensation to USA for Loan Servicing. Lender authorizes USA to retain monthly, as compensation for services performed hereunder, (a) one-twelfth (1/12th) of its annual servicing fee, which shall not exceed one percent (1%) per annum of the maximum principal amount of each of the Loans, (b) ~~any late charges collected from the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Note, and (c) any default interest collected from the Borrower pursuant to the terms of the Note.~~ Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed and acknowledged that USA derives the bulk of its revenues from charging loan fees ("points") to the Borrower. Certain Borrowers, however, may prefer to pay a higher rate of interest in exchange for a reduction in loan fees payable in advance to USA, the higher interest rate comprising a deferred loan fee. USA will notify Lender when such a case arises, and advise Lender of what portion of the interest is payable to USA as a deferred loan fee.

Should Lender desire to sell all or any part of its interest in the note and deed of trust, USA will assist Lender in finding potential buyers and completing the necessary documentation for the transaction. A fee of 5% of the remaining balance of Lender's undivided interest in the note amount will be deducted from the selling price and paid to USA on all such assignments for which USA locates the Assignee.

In the event an extension of a Loan is negotiated, USA shall be entitled to charge a fee therefor from the Borrower pursuant any separate fee agreement between USA and the Borrower.

6. USA's Right to Delegate. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, USA may in its sole discretion delegate specific loan arranging and servicing obligations to credit bureaus, real estate tax service companies, real estate brokers or agents, appraisers, attorneys, trustees, or others, provided that USA shall remain responsible for all action taken or not taken by such companies, agents, representatives, and others throughout the term of this Agreement.

7. No Legal Advice. Lender acknowledges that USA will not act as Lender's attorney or provide legal advice to Lender, and that Lender is encouraged to seek independent counsel in connection with any questions Lender may have concerning this agreement, any Loan, USA's form loan documents, or any other matter.

8. Termination. Lender may, by 30 days written notice to USA, terminate this agreement, and the power of attorney granted, if one is granted, under Section 9 of this Agreement, if USA fails to perform its obligations hereunder.

9. Lender's Registration. Lender(s) name as listed in the first paragraph of this Agreement is the exact form for registration of Lender's interest and for reference to Lender in the Loan Documents.

10. Integration Clause. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto and cannot be modified except by a written amendment signed by both parties. The invalidity of any portion of this agreement shall in no way affect the balance thereof. This Agreement shall remain in effect until Lender's interest in all notes and deeds of trust with respect to Loans arranged and/or serviced by USA is completely liquidated (unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms hereof).

11. Limited Power of Attorney. With respect to each loan, Lender hereby agrees that USA shall have full power and authority, and Lender hereby appoints USA as its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to (a) hold the original note(s), and (b) to do all things and take all actions on behalf of Lender which are necessary or convenient to effectuate this Agreement and its intent and to protect Lender's interest under any note, deed of trust, guaranty, security agreement or other document pertaining to any Loan. Upon USA's request, Lender hereby agrees to execute and deliver, in the presence of a notary public, a "Declaration of Agency and Limited Power of Attorney", in a form consistent with Chapter 645B of the Nevada Revised Statutes, pursuant to which Lender shall further evidence the appointment of USA as Lender's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to undertake the duties of USA hereunder. No one shall be required to look beyond such Declaration of Agency and Limited Power of Attorney for evidence of USA's authority hereunder. All Declarations of Agency and Limited Powers of Attorney may include the language: This document may be executed with counterpart signature pages, and the document with all counterpart signature pages shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12. Notices. All notices, demands and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (i) when personally delivered, or (ii) on receipt, when deposited with a recognized overnight courier service such as Federal Express or DHL, or (iii) three (3) business days after the date when deposited in the United States mail and sent postage prepaid by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

If to USA: USA Commercial Mortgage Company
4484 S. Pecos Road
Las Vegas, Nevada 89121-5030
Attention:

If to Lender:

Attention:

or at such other address as the party to be served with notice may have furnished in writing to the party seeking or desiring to serve notice as a place for the service of notice.

13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada, without regard to the conflict of laws or rules thereof, and the obligations, rights and remedies of the parties hereunder shall be determined in accordance with such laws,

14. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

15. Attorney's Fees. In the event any party hereto brings an action to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement, the party against whom judgment is rendered in such action shall be liable to the other for reimbursement of its costs, expenses and attorneys' fees, including such costs, expenses and fees as may be incurred on appeal,

16. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties' respective successors and assigns.

17. Headings. Sections headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

18. Authority. Each party represents and warrants to the other party that it is duly authorized to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have signed, sealed, acknowledged and delivered this instrument the day and year first above written.

LENDER: First Savings Bank C/F Arthur I. Kotss, FRA USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY:

By: Arthur I. Kotss
Name: Arthur I. Kotss
Title: _____

By: Joseph D. Milanowski
Name: Joseph D. Milanowski, President
Title: _____

By: Manuella Fga C/F Arthur Kotss FRA
Name: First Savings Bank
Title: _____